



TALK OF THE TOWN

SUMMER 2017



Forest Heights New Police Station will be completed by August 11, 2017.

What are the pros and cons of having law enforcement station nearby?

Here is what some people are saying.

- During normal hours it's great because crime will decrease.
- I live near one. It's no big deal and I've visited the station several times dropping off cookies and stuff with my daughter.
- A neighbor called about a suspicious guy wandering around and the cops were there literally in 45 seconds. Turns out the guy had a record which included armed robbery, home robbery and attempted murder. The arresting officer called the homeowner from his personal cell phone that night to let them know. It's nice when they're down the street.
- If you can get past the occasional cruiser going code by your house at 0200 hrs, it's not a bad place to live. But PDs are not like FDs. The cops don't sit around the station waiting to be called. They are out and about so while you think living near a PD may provide a tad more home security (and it may or may not, I can't say for sure depending on the structure of the department), criminals know the flow of the police presence.

What's your opinion we would like to hear from you?

Email shawkins@forestheightsmd.gov

5508 Arapahoe Drive Forest Heights, MD 20745

Town of Forest Heights Town Meetings

Mayor/Council Workshop Meeting
First Monday of each
Month at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor/Council Town Meeting Third
Wednesday of each
Month at 8:00 p.m.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, July 19, 2017 at 8:00 p.m.

ALL ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND



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Town Community Business

Beginning July Town Council Worksession, the Code Enforcement Officer will be attending the meetings to report on issues as well as answering questions from Town residents.

Town service cost per resident:

2007 Budget Expense

Police service: \$220.00 pp (expense \$545,670)

Public Works: \$173.22 PP (expense \$423,860)

Admin: \$91.40 pp (expense \$223,645)

2016 Budget Expense

Police service: \$384.46 pp (cost \$989,204)

Public Works: \$299.23 pp (expense \$769,912)

Admin: \$251.63 pp (expense \$647,439)

Trash Service Complaints: Trash Bins not completely dumped! We advised contractor about their employees leaving trash in the bins, please check your bin. Also we recommend you wash out your trash & recycle bin and placing plastic kitchen bags in your trash bin when full. Do not dump liquid waste such as ketchup, mustard, barbeque, syrup, etc. in trash bin during hot weather. Please put pet feces and cat litter in a bag. METAL PICK-UP: Metal placed on the curb will be picked up by Public Works for a minimum of \$35.00 per item, Propane Tank Pick-ups are \$30 each Tires are \$15.00 each and Trash/Recycle Collection is to be placed at the curb the night before collection.

Mosquitos: Huntington, West Virginia has several mosquitos that have the West Nile Virus. Residents need to use a insect repellent and wear protective clothing to avoid bites. The symptoms include fever, headaches, body aches, joint pain, vomiting, diarrhea and rash. The Town also participates in the County spraying program. Make sure you have no pooling of water. Last month a trap was set in Forest Heights and 84 Mosquitos were in the Trap, most of which were the aggressive Tiger Mosquito.

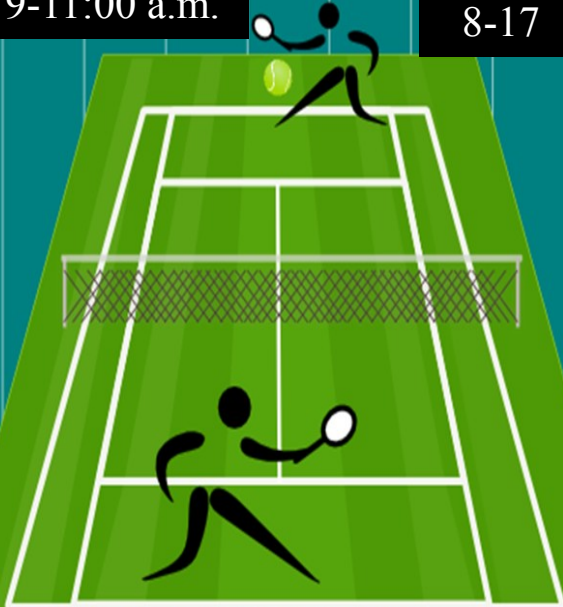
Message from Town Administrator Mr. Vern Haefele

TENNIS CLINIC

2 Hour Professional Instruction
1 Hour Open Court Play
Bell Acres Park 197 North Huron Dr,

Saturdays
9-11:00 a.m.

Ages
8-17



Saturday July 8, 15, 22 and August 12, 19, 26 2017

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Sábado 8, 15, 22 y 12, 19, 26 de julio de 2017

Town Community News (continued)

Message from Town Clerk Ms. Bonita Anderson

Town Council

Public Hearing Rolph Drive & N. Huron Drive Municipal Building – 6:30 pm

Work Session Meeting Monday, June 5, 2017

Meeting Minutes

Call to order– 6:33 pm

Roll Call – Mayor Muhammad; CW Smith-Barnes; CM Barnes; CW Brownson; CM Kennedy II; CW Hines & CM McLaurin were present.

Moment of Silence –

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

Approval of Agenda – Motion by CM Kennedy II; seconded by CM McLaurin to adopt the agenda; all were in favor; motion passed.

Public Hearing Rolph Dr. & N. Huron Dr. – Mr. Haefele discussed the status and impact of the projects with the citizens.

Approval of Meeting Minutes – (May 17th & 25th, 2017) – motion by CM Kennedy II; seconded by CW Smith-Barnes; to waive the reading and to adopt the meeting minutes; all were in favor.

Report of Officers and Committees –

- **Treasurer's Report** – Status report of the Town's finances for the month of May 2017 were distributed to the Town Council. There were questions about the status of the grants and projects.
- **Public Works Director Report** – Status report of the Town appearance for the month of May 2017 were distributed to the Town Council brief discussion was given by Mr. Vaughn.
- **Police Chief Report** – Status report of the Police Department for the month of May 2017 was distributed to the Town Council and there was discussion by the Chief of several incidents within the Town.
- **Code Enforcement Report** – No report
- **Ombudsman Report** – Status report of the Police Department for the month of May 2017 was distributed to the Town Council.
- **Town Administrator Report** – Status report for the month of May 2017 was distributed to the Town Council and read into the record by the Town Administrator.
- **Town Clerk Report** – Status report for the month of May 2017 was given to the Town Council and read into the record by the Town Clerk. Town Council viewed the video of the storm drain on Seneca & Woodland Drive and there was discussion about the removal of the blockage.

Council Report –

- **Ward I** – CW Smith-Barnes discussed the meeting with WSSC; CM Barnes – No report
- **Ward II** – CW Brownson – No report; CM Kennedy II discussed the success of the Kids to Park event.
- **Ward III** – CW Hines and CW Smith-Barnes met with M-NCPPC to discuss the pathway behind FH Elementary. CM McLaurin – No report
- **Mayor's Report** – Concurred with the department & staff reports.

Public Period – Mrs. Goodall discussed the Local Development Council meeting she attended; Code Enforcement is not doing a good job and she asked for a copy of the proposed FY18 budget; Mr. Richmond asked about the locations of the surveillance cameras within the Town; Ms. Lucas asked about the timeframe calls are returned by the police department; Mr. Watson has some concerns about the Police Department and Police Chief; Mrs. Watson had a complaint about Washington Gas when they cut off her service for two days during the relocation of the gas lines.

Legislation –

Resolution 30-17 to Setforth and Establish the Town's Real Property Tax Rate for FY 2018; title read into the record by CW Smith-Barnes; motion by CW Smith-Barnes; seconded by CM McLaurin; to waive the reading; all were in favor; motion by CW Smith-Barnes; seconded by CM Barnes to adopt Res. 30-17; vote (7) yea; (0) nay; motion passed.

Resolution 36-17 to Approve an Agreement with Midas Utilities, Inc. for the Excavation Repair of the Storm Drain at Seneca & Woodland Drive; title read into the record by CW Smith-Barnes; motion by CW Smith-Barnes; seconded by CM Kennedy II; to waive the reading; all were in favor; motion by CM Kennedy II; seconded by CW Smith-Barnes to adopt Res. 36-17; discussion; vote (5) yea; (1) nay; (1) abstain; motion passed; motion by CM Kennedy II; seconded by CW Smith-Barnes to adopt Res. 36-17 as amended; vote (5) yea; (1) nay; (1) abstain; motion passed.

Resolution 37-17 to Adopt and Approve a Town Employee Compensation Plan; postpone until the next meeting.

Resolution 38-17 to pay Monument Enterprises, LLC for the change orders for 606 Modoc Lane Renovation; motion by CM Kennedy II; seconded by CW Smith-Barnes; to waive the reading; all were in favor; motion by CM McLaurin; seconded by CM Kennedy II to adopt Res. 36-17; discussion; motion by CM Kennedy II; seconded by CW Smith-Barnes to adopt Res. 38-17 as amended; vote (7) yea; (0) nay; motion passed.

New Business – Proclamation presented to Forest Heights Elementary School; read into the record by CM Kennedy II.

Adjournment – 9:59 pm

Bonita Anderson

Town Community News (continued)

MAYOR AND COUNCIL THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 03 -17

THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS, MARYLAND TO APPROVE, AND ADOPT THE FISCAL YEAR 2018 BUDGET

The general purpose of the Budget Ordinance is to appropriate sums and amounts for the 2016-2017 Budget of the Town of Forest Heights, Maryland in the following areas of the General Fund.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS, that the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget for the Town of Forest Heights is hereby approved by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Forest Heights, Maryland such that the sums and amounts appropriated are hereby adopted for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018, to defray expenses and operations costs for the Town of Forest Heights as follows:

REVENUES

GENERAL FUND REVENUES	\$4,679,570.00
Town Real Estate Taxes - Noncommercial	\$992,000.00
Town Real Estate Taxes - Commercial	\$65,000.00
Income Taxes	\$210,300.00
Other Taxes	\$68,600.00
Trash Fee	\$164,149.00
INTERGOVERNMENT	\$1,095,309.00
LICENSES & PERMITS	\$15,405.00
TOWN SERVICES	\$8,196.00
SPEED CAMERA	\$725,000.00
OTHER REVENUES	\$104,150.00
OTHER FINANCING	\$500,000.00
FUND BALANCE	\$731,461.00
TOTAL REVENUES	\$4,679,570.00

EXPENDITURES

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$59,177.00
ADMINISTRATION	\$324,127.00
NON-DEPARTMENTAL	\$203,350.00
PUBLIC SAFETY	\$671,063.00
PUBLIC WORKS	\$342,641.00
SPEED CAMERA	
Direct Speed Camera Cost	\$342,500.00
Allowable Expenses	\$15,200.00
STREET IMPROVEMENTS	\$100,000.00
TRASH SERVICES EXPENSE	\$166,424.00
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	\$899,887.00
MUNICIPAL BUILDING EXPENSE	\$299,000.00
STREET LIGHTING EXPENSE	\$40,000.00
TOTAL SPECIAL PROGRAM EXPENSE	\$38,863.00
GRANTS – RESTRICTED FUNDING	\$644,240.00
FUND BALANCE	\$533,098.00
SUB-TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES	\$4,679,570.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$4,679,570.00

**Detailed Budget Available
online Forestheightsmd.gov**

Town Community New



SAVE THE DATES:

**Forest Heights Police
Department's
National Night Out,
and
Forest Heights Day
will be held on
Saturday,
August 5, 2017**

Forest Heights Police Department June 2017 all calls for service

ASSAULT REPORT	1	SUSPICIOUS SUBJECT(S)	3
ASSIST OUTSIDE AGENCY	1	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE (OCCUPIED)	1
B&E (RESIDENTIAL)	1	THEFT (FROM AUTO)	1
B&E IN PROGRESS	1	THEFT REPORT	1
BURGLAR ALARM (RESIDENTIAL)	3	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT	4
CHECK ON THE WELFARE	1		
COURT	4	Total Calls Handled	28
DISORDERLY SUBJECT(S)	2		
DISPUTE BETWEEN PERSONS	4		

Miles Patrolled: 1,582
Calls for Services: 28
Reports Written: 12
Arrests: 2
Citations Written: 29
Fines and Fees: \$150.00

*Let's Congratulate
Lt. Col. Pablo Mitchell as the
Police Department Police Chief*

**TAKE A BITE OUT OF
CRIME**



Neighbors On Watch (NOW) Recruiting Volunteers

Citizens in the Town of Forest Heights that are interested in making their neighborhoods safer are encouraged to come and join the Town of Forest Heights Police Department's volunteer program called "Neighbors On Watch (NOW)." NOW accepting applications.

"Call to get involved"
301-839-4040

The Forest Heights Seniors' Recreation Program presents a seminar on:

SCAM Alert

Monday July 10, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

Forest Heights Municipal Building

5508 Arapahoe Drive, Forest Heights, MD 20745

ARE YOU NEW TO MEDICARE

Learn More about Medicare and Medicare Plans

Monday August 14, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

Light Refreshments served



Location on North Huron Drive. Available on a first come basis.
Reserve your plot today! **301-839-1030**



Town Community News (continued)



WHERE LEADERS
ARE MADE

Toastmasters is for you if:

You are terrified of speaking in public
and want to get over it.

You want to improve your presentation skills for
personal or professional reasons.

You have a speech to give and want to make sure it
works.

You want to meet interesting people from all over the
world.

You think you are good at speaking in public and want
to get better.

Contact Mr. Larry Vaughn for more details at
240-475-8859.



Mark your Calendar each Month for Community Cards the First and Third Friday

Town Hall 5508 Arapahoe
Drive, Forest Heights, MD 20745

Councilman Robert Barnes working to provide
activities to our citizens. Please mark your calendar
for the:

FIRST and THIRD FRIDAY of each month
COMMUNITY CARDS 7:00p.m. –11:00 p.m.

For information contact Councilman Barnes at
301-873-2708 anytime day or night, and leave a message.

Walk the

Woodrow Wilson Bridge Trail

Every Tuesday walk start at
7:00 p.m. Meet at 6:30 p.m.

Town Hall



TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC MEETING

WEDNESDAY JULY 19, 2017

8:00 P.M.

Are you doing all you can for your
Health?

Seniors Exercise Classes
Monday and Wednesday,

Class Begins at 12:00 noon



IS YOUR CHILD FREE ON
SATURDAYS?
FOREST HEIGHTS HAS A
CHEER & DANCE PROGRAM
"LIMITLESS ALL STARZ"
EVERY SATURDAY 10:30-1:00 PM
AGES 8 YRS TO 18 YRS
Call Nikkei 301-404 6772

JOB OPENINGS

The Office of Barack
and Michelle Obama
Internship Opportunity.

The Office of Barack
and Michelle Obama

is launching a fourteen-week fall Internship Program in
Washington, D.C. from Monday, September 11 through
Friday, December 15 with an orientation on Saturday,
September 9.

Interns will work in the D.C. office of Barack and Michelle
Obama doing a variety of tasks, largely centered around
correspondence. The office is looking for interns who take
initiative, manage their time well, have strong attention to
detail, solid writing skills, and the utmost commitment to
public service.

Interested applicants should submit a cover letter and resume
to interns@obamaoffice44.org.

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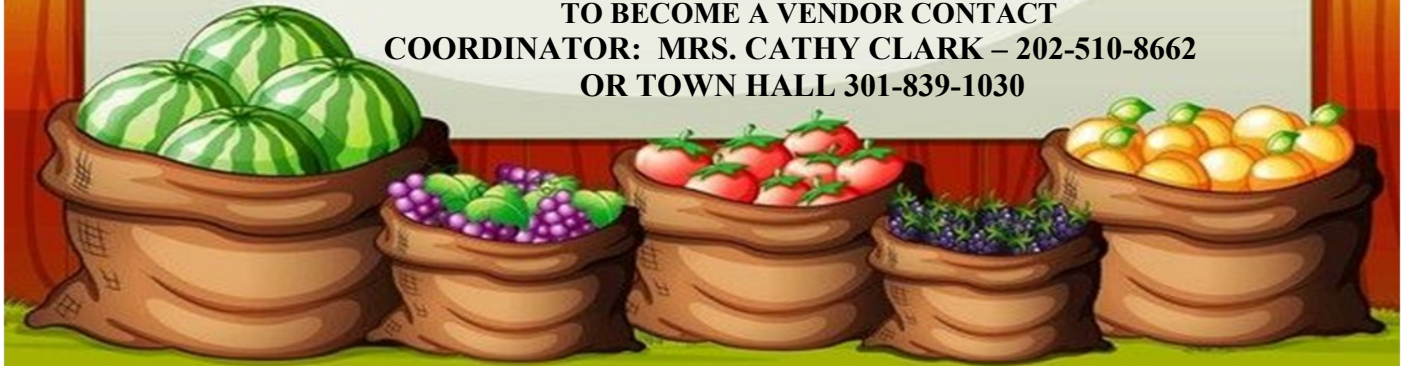
FOREST HEIGHTS FARMER'S MARKET

ST. MARK AME CHURCH NEXT TO HENRYS SOUL CAFÉ FOOD

FOREST HEIGHTS, MD 20745

DATE: EVERY WEDNESDAY TIME: 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

TO BECOME A VENDOR CONTACT
COORDINATOR: MRS. CATHY CLARK – 202-510-8662
OR TOWN HALL 301-839-1030



JULY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3 MAYOR/COUNCIL TOWN MEETING 7:30p.m. Senior Exercise Classes 12-1:00p.m. Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling	4 TOWN HALL CLOSED	5 Forest Heights Farmer's Market at St. Mark Church 11:00-4:00p.m.	6 Bulk Trash 3 Items of Less	7	8 Cook with the Chef James Ware 2-5:00p.m.
9 National Harbor Movie Night Annie 6:00p.m. National Harbor Farm Market 10:00a.m.	10 Senior Exercise Classes 12-1:00p.m. Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling Forest Heights Seminar on Scam Alert 1-2:00p.m.	11 Every Tuesday, National Harbor free fitness class on the Plaza from 7pm - 8pm	12 Senior Exercise Classes 12-1:00p.m. Forest Heights Farmer's Market at St. Mark Church 11:00-4:00p.m.	13 Bulk Trash 3 Items of Less National Harbor Date Night Movie Mean Girls 7-9:00p.m.	14	15 Dance Class 8-18yrs 9-12:00 Noon Concert Bands from the nation's Armed Forces at National Harbor 7:00p.m.
16 Open Water Sunset Swimming 7:00-8:00p.m.	17 Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling	12 Every Tuesday, National Harbor free fitness class on the Plaza from 7pm - 8pm	19 Senior Exercise Classes 12-1:00p.m. MAYOR/COUNCIL TOWN MEETING 8:00p.m.	20 Bulk Trash 3 Items of Less Green Team Meeting 4:00 p.m.	21	22 Dance Class 8-18yrs 9-12:00 Noon
23 Open Water Sunset Swimming 7:00-8:00p.m.	24 Senior Exercise Classes 12-1:00p.m. Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling	25 Every Tuesday, National Harbor free fitness class on the Plaza from 7pm - 8pm	26 Senior Exercise Classes 12-1:00p.m. Forest Heights Farmer's Market at St. Mark Church 11:00-4:00p.m.	27 Bulk Trash 3 Items of Less	28	29
30	31	FOREST HEIGHTS DAY AUGUST 5, 2017 TAYAC PARK				

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Local Forest Heights
Post Customer

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Town Community News (continued)

FROM THE TOWN CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER MR. RICK SMITH

Grass Heights should be Below 8" inch.



Town is in the process of purchasing Dog Waste Stations if you know of a good locations please contact the Town Hall Mrs. Hawkins (Bean) 301-839-1030. Also Town has Dogs Waste holder come pickup one.



Leach Law. It is against the law for the owner or custodian of any animal to allow the animal to run at-large. Any dog or cat that is found at-large may be impounded. A violation Notice may be issued to the owner of an animal found.



Trash/Recycle and Yard Waste Collection is to be placed at the curb the night before collection



PICK-UP DAYS BEGIN AT 6:30 a.m.,

MONDAY—Recycle, Trash and Yard Waste

Tree limbs must still be tied together in small bundles not to exceed 4 feet in length.

THURSDAY—Bulk (Three Items or Less)

METAL PICK-UP Metal placed on the curb will be picked up by Public Works for a minimum of \$35.00 (paid in advance)



Propane Tank Pick-ups are \$30 each: Tires \$15.00 each

Holiday Collection Schedule

Monday September 4, 2017 No Collection

Forest Heights Notary

9 am - 4 pm Monday - Friday

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

Phone (301) 839-1030 Fax (301) 839-9236

8:30a.m.—5:00 p.m.

www.forestheightsmd.gov

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Latessa Crawford, Police Clerk—ext. 1225

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CODE ENFORCEMENT OFC

rsmith@forestheightsmd.gov

Non-Emergency (301) 749-4900

EMERGENCY DIAL 911

Forest Heights Annual Community Festival

IT'S A TASTE OF
FOREST HEIGHTS
SATURDAY,
AUGUST 5, 2017
11:00 AM-5:00 PM

To Start the Morning Off at 11:00 a.m. at Bell Acres Park the Marching band and Forest Heights Limitless All Starz Dance. Parade route begins at Bell Acres Park to South Huron Dr. to Seneca Dr. to Ottawa and end at Tayac Park.



One Big Festival! Tayac Park between Ottawa Street and Terrell Ave. Food, events, games, step shows, tournaments, a live March Band, Jazz and R&B Bands and a lot more fun for the entire family so bring your family and your lawn chair and party with your community.

**COME PICKUP YOUR FREE MEAL TICKETS FOR FOREST HEIGHTS DAY
NO TICKETS WILL BE PASSED OUT AT THE PARK.
(PICKUP MONDAY-FRIDAY 9:00-4:30 P.M.)**



Come out and watch the parade. Park and Ride start at 11:30 a.m. to bring residents to the park. Jazz Bands start at 4:00 p.m. (Check back of flyer for pickup location.)



For more
Information, to speak at the event,
or to register to be a vendor call
Mrs. Sherletta Hawkins
301-839-1030/
shawkins@forestheightsmd.gov

